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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: LEONARD GUARENTE *et al.*  
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For: METHODS FOR IDENTIFYING AGENTS WHICH  
ALTER HISTONE PROTEIN ACETYLATION,  
DECREASE AGING OR INCREASE LIFESPAN  
  
Examiner: R. Zeman  
Art Unit: 1645

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Commissioner for Patents

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

In response to the Notice to Comply mailed April 17, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows. Applicants submit that this reply is timely filed on May 19, 2008, as May 17, 2008 was a Saturday and May 18, 2008 was a Sunday.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.